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zotb August THE ALMSHOUSE AT STAMFORD

The Lord Treasurer hath caused to be published the articles drawn up for the order and government of the hospital for a warden and twelve poor men that he hath founded at Stamford in Northampton , amongst which articles be these

None to be named except those that have dwelt tor seven years within seven miles o± the Borough of Stamford, nor that is under 30 vears of age, or hath a certainty of living of 533 4d by the year, or is known to be diseased of any leprosy, or of the pox known as the French pox, or of any lunacy, or be a common drunkard, barretor, or infamous for theft, adultery, or the Lie And any that after their choice shall fall into such infirmities of infectious diseases, or be infamed and convinced of such notable \ices, shall be displaced Nor shall any of these twelve poor men in alehouses or other places play at cards, dice or any unlawful game.

Everyone of them shall resort in their livery gowns to Common Prayer every Sunday, Wednesday, Friday and holy day zo St Martin's Church at morning and evening prayer, neither shall any be absent without just cause notified to the Vicar, and allowed by him , and for every default not excusable, the Parish Clerk shall have 6d out of the wages allowed to the poor man.

There shall be paid to them every Sunday after evening prayer, to the Warden of the Hospital 33 , and to every other of the poor men 2s *q.d*

Upon the first Sunday oi every quarter of the year, the Vicar shall assemble them together in the church before evening prayer, and severing them asunder shall hear them say the Lord's Prayer, and the Creed, and to answer to the Command-ments And he that shall not be able to say the same, after fourteen days' space given him to learn them, shall be avoided from his room For this labour the Vicar to have 53. every such Sunday, and the Parish Clerk I2d. for attending on the Vicar